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- VIII. CONCLUSIONS;
- XI. CLAIMS APPENDIX;
- X. EVIDENCE APPENDIX;
- XI. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APENDIX.

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3. A corrected brief should conclude with the following:

- VII. ARGUMENT

The argument section should conclude with the following sub-heading:

“D. Conclusions.” Furthermore, this sub-heading should conclude with an authorized signature –*see page 12 of the instant brief*.

- VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

The appendix should start on a new page and include the claims, as presented on pages 13-15 of the instant brief.

- IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX

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- X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

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